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SUBJECT: SALT--LETTER TO NAC

1. REQUEST MISSION PREPARE FOLLOWING LETTER FOR SEC GEN LUNS, WITH COPIES TO NAC PERMREPS, THROUGH USUAL COSMIC TOP SECRET CHANNELS.
2. BEGIN TEXT. I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY WASHINGTON TO APPRISE YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF TWO ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET POSITION WHICH THE SOVIET SIDE ADVANCED AT GENEVA SHORTLY BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 16 RECESS.
3. MINISTER SEMENOV HAS STATED THAT IF THE US SIDE SHOULD SECRET

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AGREE TO WITHDRAWAL OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS (I.E., THE SO-CALLED "FBS") AND LIQUIDATION OF CORRESPONDING BASES, THEN THE USSR COULD AGREE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR EACH SIDE OF AGREED AGGREGATE NUMERICAL LEVELS FOR ICBM AND SLBM

LAUNCHERS AND STRATEGIC BOMBERS, BUT WITH MANDATORY ACCOUNT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR SYSTEMS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, SEMENOV ALSO REPEATED THE SOVIET UNILATERAL STATEMENT OF MAY 26, 1972, REGARDING MODERN BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES OF US ALLIES IN NATO. SEMENOV ALSO SUGGESTED THAT NON-TRANSFER LIMITATIONS SUCH AS PRESENTED IN THE SOVIET DRAFT COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR, BEFORE CONCLUSION OF A PERMANENT AGREEMENT.

4. BEFORE THE RECESS, AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AGAIN REAFFIRMED THE US STATEMENT OF MAY 26, 1972, IN WHICH THE US DID NOT ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THE SOVIET STATEMENT ON MODERN BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES OF US ALLIES IN NATO. IN ADDITION, OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF US NON-CENTRAL SYSTEMS ARE UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT WE CANNOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF NON-TRANSFER UNTIL THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

5. CONSISTENT WITH OUR USUAL PROCEDURES, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR STRICT PRIVACY IN SUCH MATTERS REGARDING SALT.

6. I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL. END TEXT. RUSH

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